

Officers of Central Bank, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh went on hunger strike in October, 1996;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). Central Bank of India has reported that a section of its officers resorted to agitational programme including relay hunger strike at several places including in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh during the month of October-November, 1996. The bank has further reported that these officers resorted to an agitation on issues including change in promotion policy and certain other matters which have financial implications. Bank's management, however, has had discussions with representatives of officers on these issues with a view to end the agitation.

[Translation]

Units in EOUs and EPZs

4271. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of export oriented units and export processing zones set up in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of such Export Oriented Units/Zones functioning at the beginning of Eighth Five Year Plan alongwith the number of Export Oriented Units/Zones set up at the end of 1995-96;

(c) whether all such Export Oriented Units/Zones are engaged in export and import;

(d) if so, the details of imports and exports undertaken and the foreign earned therefrom incurred thereon by these Export Oriented Units/Zones during each of the last three years; and

(e) the details of share of imports and exports made by the said Export Oriented Units/Zones in comparison to the total imports and exports of the country during the above years separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) The details regarding number of Export Oriented Units (EOUs) and Export Processing Zone (EPZ) units operating in the country as on 31.3.96, state-wise, are given in the Statement.

(b) While 632 EOU/EPZ units were in operation at the beginning of Eighth Five Year Plan, the number of such units at the end of 1996-97 was 1213.

(c) and (d). The imports, exports and net foreign exchange earnings (NFE) in respect of EOU/EPZ units

during the last three years are as follows :

(Rs. crores)

Year	Exports	Imports	NFE
1993-94	5045.96	2422.63	2623.33
1994-95	7363.11	3027.27	4335.84
1995-96 (Provisional)	9735.63	3618.56	6117.07

(e) Details of percentage share of EOU/EPZ units in the total import and export of the country during the last three years are given below :

Year	Imports	Exports
1993-94	3.31%	7.23%
1994-95	3.36%	8.91%
1995-96	2.97%	9.14%

STATEMENT

Details regarding number of Export Oriented Units and Export Processing Zone units operating in the country as on 31.3.96.

State/ U.T.	Export Oriented Units	Export Processing Zone Units*
1	2	3
Gujarat	62	90
Maharashtra	94	156
Uttar Pradesh	34	119
Tamil Nadu	144	82
Kerala	19	36
West Bengal	23	24
Andhra Pradesh	99	2
Assam	1	-
Bihar	4	-
Haryana	20	-
Himachal Pradesh	3	-
Jammu and Kashmir	0	-
Karnataka	94	-
Madhya Pradesh	17	-
Meghalaya	0	-
Nagaland	0	-
Orissa	7	-
Punjab	16	-

1	2	3
Rajasthan	18	-
Sikkim	1	-
Tripura	0	-
Delhi	22	-
Goa, Daman and Diu	14	-
Mizoram	0	-
Arunachal Pradesh	0	-
Manipur	0	-
A and N Islands	0	-
Chandigarh	1	-
Dadar and Nagar Haveli	2	-
Pondicherry	7	-
Indian EEZ	2	-

(* There are seven Export Processing Zones in the country at Kandla (Gujarat), Santacruz (Maharashtra), Noida (Uttar Pradesh), Madras (Tamil Nadu), Cochin (Kerala), Falta (West Bengal) and Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh).

[English]

Production of Cement

4272. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cement factories in the country are facing difficulties in the production of cement for export purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up cement plants in various parts of the country particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). While the Indian cement industry is fully capable of producing cement of exportable quality, cement factories have been facing problems like inadequate availability of infrastructure at ports for storage, bulk handling and transportation, high cost of transportation from the factory to the port, unattractive international prices and difficulty in moving cement/clinker to Bangladesh by land route through rail and road.

(c) After interaction with the cement industry, the concerned administrative Ministries have already been apprised of the problem for appropriate remedial action. Railway are allocating wagons on priority for export of

cement plants to set up dedicated jetties wherever possible for facilitating export.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Financial Assistance to Water Supply Projects

4273. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of water supply and drainage projects in the country, State-wise, particularly in tribal areas of Gujarat which have been provided with financial assistance by Life Insurance Corporation of India, General Insurance Corporation and other Government Financial Institutions during the last three years;

(b) the details of the amount of financial assistance sanctioned and released by each of these corporations/financial institutions during the above period, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the details of the financial assistance given by these financial institutions for the purpose during the current year till date, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Photo Identity Cards

4274. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the matter of preparing Photo Identity cards of the voters in the country so far, State-wise;

(b) the names of the States where progress pertaining to pre-paration of Photo Identity cards is very slow or negligible;

(c) whether the Government propose to fix a time-limit for preparation of photo identity cards in all the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) and (b). A Statement is enclosed.

(c) and (d). The Election Commission had originally fixed 30th November, 1994 as the deadline for completion of the scheme of issue of identity cards to electors. This deadline was, however, extended from time to time and was last extended upto 31st March, 1996. No fresh deadline has yet been laid by the Commission.